

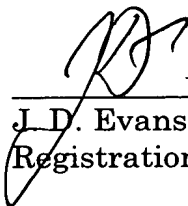
REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are respectfully submitted to replace the international-style claims of the original PCT text with claims in better form for examination by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

Entry of the amendments and favorable action on the application are earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

December 27, 2001



J. D. Evans
Registration No. 26,269

CROWELL & MORING, LLP
P.O. Box 14300
Washington, DC 20044-4300
Telephone No.: (202) 624-2500
Facsimile No.: (202) 628-8844